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"There's so much good in the worst  
of us, and there's so much bad in the  
best of us, that it doesn't behoove any  
of us to speak ill of the rest of us."

Here is one trouble with many  
towns: Their "booster" clubs too  
frequently turn out to be "Rooster"  
clubs.—Arkansas City Traveler.

The Bucklin Banner mentions  
the fact that of twelve automobiles  
on the street there Saturday, ten  
belonged to farmers living in that  
community.

The big Meade County Fair  
started Wednesday and is to last  
the rest of the week. This fair is  
nearer to Liberal than any other  
fair this year and a number of  
our people will go down for a day  
or two.

At Greensburg last week a three-  
year-old child left alone, in some  
way got hold of a few matches  
and ignited one of them. The baby's  
dress caught fire and the little  
one was burned to death before  
anyone knew of the accident.

One of our exchanges tells of a  
farmer who had a sick cow one  
night and gave her some medicine  
by the light of a lantern. In his  
haste he doped her with a bit of  
gasoline which had a funny effect  
upon her. Instead of uttering her  
accustomed moo, moo she went  
honk, honk.

About the only consolation a  
newspaper man gets in being re-  
minded of the mistakes in his pa-  
per is the thought of how funny  
the paper would look if the res-  
ponsibility of printing it depend-  
ed on some of the folks who al-  
ways see the trivial errors but who  
wouldn't be able to keep track of  
one-tenth of the nerve racking  
things which form part of the ey-  
eryday routine of an editor's life.  
—Lindsborg News.

The street lightning provided  
for on Kansas Avenue and West  
Second Street have made such a  
good impression on the people of  
the town that there is considerable  
demand to have the lights extend-  
ed to other portions of the city.  
The residents of Sherman Avenue  
have been talking the matter of  
putting in the lights and paying  
for them individually if the city  
cannot afford the extension at the  
present time.

At last Secy. Wilson is to have  
his way in running the pure food  
department for Uncle Sam. Last  
week, a case was instituted in the  
Supreme court, alleging that the  
Maraschino cocktails sold in sev-  
eral places in Washington do not  
contain any maraschino ingredi-  
ents at all, but that they are full  
of benzoidenhyde, and a half a  
dozen other nondescript things.  
It is now perfectly plain that Taft,  
president of the great United  
States, stood with Wilson instead  
of chemist Wiley, because he  
wanted to raise the standard of  
cocktails in Washington. Do you  
suppose that is worth the \$50,000  
salary the president is getting?

By some twist of the election an  
old negro had been elected to the  
office of justice of the peace in a  
little backwoods district in Tennes-  
see. His first case happened to be  
one in which the defendant asked  
for a trial by jury. When the  
testimony was all in, the lawyers  
waited for the judge to give his  
instructions to the jury. The new  
justice seemed embarrassed. Finally  
one of the lawyers whispered  
to him that it was time to charge  
the jury. He webstered one hand  
into the front of his coat, calhouned  
his voice, and said: "Gent'm'n  
ob de jury, sence dis am a putty

small case, Ah'll on'y charge yo' a  
dollah 'n' a half apiece."

Editor Oakford of the Protocur-  
tor, a socialistic paper at Garden  
City, published several indecent  
articles a few weeks ago. The re-  
sult was that his printing shop was  
quietly dumped into the street by  
several of the better citizens of the  
town, and he is now under arrest  
charged with the publication of in-  
decent articles, the penalty for  
which under the Kansas law is a  
term in the penitentiary of from  
two to five years. Every legitimate  
newspaper man will be glad to  
know that there is a limit placed  
on the men who attempt to achieve  
notoriety by the publication of  
filthy articles about the various  
people of the community.

### A Good Move

One of the very good things the  
present city administration is do-  
ing is the dragging of the streets.  
The drag was out Saturday morn-  
ing, and in a few hours the streets  
in the business section of the town  
were almost as smooth as pave-  
ments. As rapidly as possible,  
the dragging should be extended  
to the other streets of the city.  
The drag isn't very expensive, and  
it is considerable help to the  
streets of the town, as it works  
the dirt to the center of the road,  
providing better drainage in wet  
weather, and a well rounded,  
smooth road for dry weather. The  
drag is a winner most any way  
you figure it.

### At Least a Year Too Late.

Mr. Mann, Republican leader in  
the House, in his statement to the  
country reviewing the work of  
the extra session of Congress,  
makes one point against the Dem-  
ocrats. He charges them with de-  
laying the passage of the measure  
for the direct election of senators.  
But what profit can Mr. Mann  
hope to gain for his party by call-  
ing attention to that fact? The  
stand-pat wing of the Republicans  
in Congress, to which Mr. Mann  
belongs, has delayed the passage  
of a measure for the direct election  
of senators through the sixteen  
years of its control of Congress.  
Although the measure passed the  
house under Republican control,  
did anyone ever hear of Mr. Mann  
pointing to the fact that its defeat  
by a stand-pat senate was a party  
blunder?

The Republican House leader is  
at least a whole year too late in  
seeing the light.

### The Deep Well.

Well, we suppose it is all off  
with the deep well according to  
our latest information. In a talk  
with Mr. Corley yesterday after-  
noon he stated they had just taken  
a measure of the well and it was  
down 1053 feet and they have de-  
cided to quit.

When they got down to the  
depth required by the contract  
last week, 920 feet, the citizens of  
the town held several meetings  
and raised between \$800 and \$900  
for it to go on down, this would  
have enabled it to go 1100 feet,  
but when they started to digging  
again about 100 feet had caved so  
much they could hardly get the  
rotary drill out anymore and they  
decided to give it up; had the drill-  
ing not stopped for these few  
days they could have gone on  
down but as there seemed to be  
no likelihood of being able to  
raise enough money to go any con-  
siderable depth they decided to  
spend no more time nor money on  
it.

Times have been very tight  
with our people the last year or  
two and it was a rather hard mat-  
ter to raise this money but we did  
the best we could under the cir-  
cumstances and our citizens and  
business men have no compunc-  
tions of conscience about neglect  
of duty. We have done the best  
we could, no one can ask any  
more.—Hooker Advance.

### The Santa Fe.

Nearly one-third of the right-of-  
way for the new Santa Fe cut-off  
to the southwest has been secured.

### After-Thoughts.

You may have noticed that  
the majority of our coming  
men fail to arrive.

About the time a girl gets  
out of short dresses she be-  
gins to plan her trousseau.

A pessimist is a man who  
never smiles except when he  
faces the bartender.

A woman has so little wits  
that it's only about ten times  
as much as some men's.

Lots of young fellows find  
that it's easier to get mar-  
ried than to get anything  
else.

You don't realize how  
many shocking things there  
are in the world unless you  
happen to be a prude.

There may be just as good  
fish in the sea as ever were  
caught, but they are not all  
suckers.

Nine out of ten of the mag-  
azine articles on how to choose  
a husband or how to manage  
one are written by spinsters.

The farmers along the line are  
very enthusiastic for the road. A  
man from Gray county recalled  
that when the old Montezuma road  
was in use he hauled his wheat six-  
teen miles to the station and mar-  
keted it in less than one-fourth of  
the time it now takes him to haul  
22 miles through the sand to Cim-  
marron.

The Santa Fe Company has ad-  
vised Governor Fitzgerald that the  
right-of-way must be secured  
by October first. And those who  
have had business with President  
Ripley of the Santa Fe know that  
he does just what he says. If the  
right-of-way is not secured by that  
time the road will very likely be  
built from another point.

The farmers through the section  
are very anxious that the road be  
built from Dodge City. A num-  
ber of them have been in to see  
what they could do to help in the  
matter. The school district offi-  
cials are very anxious to have the  
road built from Dodge. The dis-  
tricts to the southwest have not  
had the advantage of the railroad  
taxes in times past but they have  
known of the help the railroad  
taxes are to the districts and town-  
ships through which the lines now  
run.

Generally the farmers who come  
to town from the southwest, say  
that they are glad that the Santa  
Fe is to build the road rather than  
a local company. They know that  
the road is to be a through line,  
and not a "jerkwater."

And Dodge City is deeply inter-  
ested in the building of the road,  
or at least it should be. The build-  
ing of the road southwest means  
the building of a road to connect  
with the southeast.

Then there is a northwest possi-  
bility in the next ten years. A  
big division point, a wholesale dis-  
tributing point for machinery and  
drugs; large employment of labor.  
That means employment for every-  
body.

But the building of the road is  
up to the land owners. If they  
give the right-of-way before the  
first of October dirt will be mov-  
ing before snow flies and trains  
will be running to Haskell county  
before the first of July, 1912, in  
time to move next year's crop.

The committee that is working  
for the right-of-way is well satis-  
fied with the progress so far made

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